

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. One of the primary intentions of this act was to stimulate competition and reduce pricing. This move would be a step in the wrong direction. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.